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Every Drop Counts

Due to relatively wet spring and summer seasons, Cobb County was recently moved from a Level 2 to a Level 1 drought status. With the winter season on the horizon, cooler temperatures signal a brand new growing season and new opportunities to maximize your water consumption. By using water smartly, you can enjoy a beautiful lawn and bountiful garden throughout fall and early winter — without increasing your water bill. Here are a few water conservation tips:

- Use a layer of mulch on the surface of your planting beds to retain moisture and minimize weed growth which competes for water.
- When watering plants, apply water directly to the soil instead of the plant itself.
- Check your sprinkler system for leaks and broken sprinkler heads and repair promptly.
- Adjust sprinkler heads to prevent overspray onto sidewalks or roadways.
- Consider using a soaker hose instead of a sprinkler. Soaker hoses are more efficient and disperse water directly into the ground with less run-off.
- Check for and repair leaks inside and outside the home.
- Shorten showers and turn off water when shaving or brushing teeth.
- Fill dishwashers and washing machines, making sure there is a full load every time.
- Scrape dishes before washing them and avoid using the garbage disposal; it uses a lot of water and can contribute to pipe clogs.
- Choose efficient appliances, looking for EPA WaterSense and ENERGY STAR labeled products when shopping for new appliances and fixtures.

For more water conservation tips, visit Marietta Power and Water at www.mariettapowerandwater.com. 💧

The Right Light

Holiday Light Care

Seasonal lighting can bring big cheer to your home throughout the holidays. Don't let smiles turn into frowns because of accidents involving unsafe use of holiday lights. Keep these tips in mind when decking the halls, walls, and more this season.

- 1. Inspect light strings.** Discard any light strings that are damaged, frayed or cracked. Worn electrical cords or broken sockets are the leading fire hazards during the holiday.
- 2. Follow the manufacturer's instructions.** Limit the number of light strings you connect to three. Adding more can cause lights to overheat and create a fire hazard.
- 3. Replace burned-out bulbs promptly.** Replace burned out light bulbs as soon as you see they've burned out. Don't leave a light socket empty. Empty light sockets can cause the entire string to overheat.
- 4. Don't use outdoor lights indoors.** Outdoor lights get too hot for interior use. For the coolest bulbs and the greatest energy efficiency, try LED lights, which come in a wide range of styles and colors.
- 5. Make sure outdoor lighting is UL-rated for exterior use.** Exterior lights, unlike those used inside the house, need to be weather-resistant. The same goes for any extension cords used outdoors.
- 6. Don't attach light strings with nails or staples.** Use UL-approved hangers when hanging light strings. Nails and staples can cut through the wire insulation and create a fire hazard.
- 7. Take exterior lights down within 90 days of decorating.** The longer exterior lights stay up, the more likely they are to suffer damage from weather and critters chewing on them.
- 8. Store lights safely.** Tangled lights can lead to damaged cords and broken sockets. After the holidays, take the time to coil each string of lights loosely around a stiff piece of cardboard. Protect the bulbs by wrapping them in paper or plastic. Store everything in a sturdy container until next year. 💧

Calendar

Saturday, November 11

Cherokee Heights Arts Festival 2017

Cherokee Heights Neighborhood
9 a.m. until 4 p.m.
The Cherokee Heights Arts Festival
#TheBiggestLittleNeighborhoodFestival
is just minutes from the Marietta
Square. There will be activities for
kids including art instruction, rock
painting, experiments, Santa visits,
and more. For more information, visit
www.cherokeeheightsartsfestival.org

Marietta Power and Water will be closed on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 in celebration of Thanksgiving.

Thursdays in November November 2, 9, 16 & 30

History 4.0: An in-depth immersion into history you should know

Marietta Museum of History
6 p.m. until 8 p.m.
Each week they'll discuss American
History from a local perspective.
For more information, visit
www.mariettahistory40.eventbrite.com

Saturday, December 9

Sleighbells on the Square 5K/1K/Tot Trot

Marietta Square
8:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.
It's time for the annual Sleigh Bells
on the Square Race! Activities include
appearances by costumed characters,
face-painting for the kids, and jingle bells
for runner's shoes. The Strand Theatre
will open its doors to runners, friends and
family for a quick warm-up, coffee, hot
chocolate, and a free movie for the kids.
Festive holiday attire is encouraged.
For more information, visit Active.com
or www.cobbcountybar.org

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